



A Catalyst for Communities

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



How can I apply?

For more information or to apply for the Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program and the Handicapped Accessibility Improvement Program, please contact one of the organizations below.

Housing Counseling Services, Inc.

2410 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 667-7006

Latino Economic Development Corporation

2316 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 588-5102

Lydia's House

3939 South Capitol Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20032
(202) 373-1050

Marshall Heights Community Development Organization

3939 Benning Road, N.E., 2nd floor
Washington, DC 20019
(202) 396-1200

University Legal Services

220 I Street, N.E., Suite 130
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 547-4747

University Legal Services

3220 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Suite 4
Washington, DC 20020
(202) 645-7175

You may also contact the Department of Housing and Community Development directly if you have questions:

Department of Housing and Community Development

Lead Safe Washington
801 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 442-7180
www.dhcd.dc.gov

You may qualify for home repair assistance!

The Department of Housing and Community

Development administers home improvement

programs that help low-to-moderate income

District homeowners finance home repairs

to bring their housing into compliance with

DC housing codes. These programs provide

low- and no-interest loans, or limited grants,

for the repair and rehabilitation of single

family properties in the District.

Visit WWW.DHCD.DC.GOV
For More Information on DHCD Programs

Home Repair Programs

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★ ★ ★ **Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor**
Leila Finucane Edmonds, Acting Director,
Department of Housing and Community Development



Programs for

Home Repair



Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program

The Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program (Single Family Rehab) is designed to help households finance home repairs that will address DC housing code violations. Funding may be used for activities that include repairing walls and floors, replacing windows, and repairing plumbing, electrical, and heating systems. Up to \$75,000 in loan financing is available for each project. The program also offers a separate grant of up to \$15,000 for roof replacement. Eligible applicants must:

- own and live in their homes as their primary residence,
- be current on all District and federal taxes,
- be unable to obtain financing for the needed repairs from a reputable lender,
- have an acceptable credit record, and
- meet household income eligibility requirements.

Senior citizens who are eligible for the program will have the first \$10,000 of loan financing deferred for as long as they own and live in the home.

The Single Family Rehab also offers grant funding for lead-based paint hazard control as part of each rehabilitation project that disturbs lead-based paint.

Handicapped Accessibility Improvement Program

The Handicapped Accessibility Improvement Program (HAIP) provides a grant of up to \$30,000 for improvements needed to remove physical barriers within a home for persons with mobility or other physical impairments. Eligible improvements include wheelchair ramps, chair lifts, widening of doorways, bathroom modifications, etc. Additional funding may be available under Single Family Rehab.

Frequently Asked Questions?

What are income eligibility limits?

For Single Family Rehab and HAIP, the household income must be at or below guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These guidelines are based on household size and change annually. Please contact DHCD at (202) 442-7200 or visit www.dhcd.dc.gov for the current limits.

What is an "acceptable" credit record?

The Department does not require program applicants to have perfect credit. However, applicants must be current on their mortgage; there must be a written, documented explanation for any significant credit problems (late payments, judgments, etc.); and if there is a bankruptcy, it must have been discharged for at least one year.

How do I show that I cannot get financing from a private lender?

A Single Family Rehab applicant must show that he or she cannot get a home equity loan or home equity line of credit, or does not have significant personal resources to finance the repairs. Typically, applicants provide a letter of denial from a bank, although the housing counseling organization that performs intake for the program may recommend that this requirement be waived.

The Department only requires that applicants try to obtain financing from reputable lenders. Applicants should not accept above-market interest rates or other questionable deals. See a housing counselor if you have any questions regarding any type of home finance.

Are there grants available for home repair?

The only grants available are for lead-based paint hazard control, roof replacement, and modifications under HAIP.

What if I sell my property after the repairs are done?

For owner-occupied properties, you must repay the loan if you sell the property. Under limited circumstances, the loan may be transferred. If you sell the home within five years of work completion, you may be required to repay some of the lead-based paint grant.

For rental properties, the new owner will be required to meet all program requirements and assume all affordability obligations to the tenants for the remainder of the affordability period.

